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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented)

1 A child-resistant closure that includes:

2 a base having a dispensing opening and a peripheral skirt,

3 a lid molded integrally with said base and coupled by a hinge to said base so  
4 as to be pivotable about said hinge between a closed position adjacent to said dispensing  
5 opening and an open position spaced from said dispensing opening,

6 one of said base and said lid having a latch arm resiliently extending from a  
7 periphery thereof diametrically opposite said hinge, said latch arm having a pair of opposite  
8 extending tabs adjacent to a free end thereof,

9 the other of said base and said lid having an axial passage for receiving said  
10 latch arm and a pair of laterally spaced ledges in said passage for engagement by said  
11 tabs to lock said lid in said closed position,

12 said latch arm being directly manually engageable by a user from a radial  
13 direction external to said closure to pivot said latch arm radially inwardly within said  
14 passage and release said tabs from said ledges so that said lid can be pivoted to said  
15 open position, and

16 cam surfaces on said ledges, said tabs on said latch arm, or both said ledges  
17 and said tabs, for flexing said resilient latch arm to snap said tabs over said ledges as said  
18 lid is pivoted to said closed position.

**2. (Original)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 1 wherein said latch arm resiliently extends  
2   from a periphery of said lid diametrically opposite said hinge, and wherein said passage  
3   in said base is radially open at said skirt.

**3. (Original)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 2 wherein said ledges in said passage radially  
2   open at said skirt such that said latch arm may extend outside of said skirt as said lid is  
3   moved toward said closed position and then snap radially inwardly beneath said ledges  
4   due to resilience of said latch arm and connection between said latch arm and said lid.

**4. (Cancelled)****5. (Original)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 3 wherein said lid includes an internal rib on  
2   said latch arm for strengthening resilient coupling of said latch arm to said lid.

**6-9 (Canceled)**

## 10. (Original)

1 A child-resistant dispensing closure that includes:

2 a base having a deck with a dispensing opening and a peripheral skirt  
3 extending from said deck,

4 a lid molded integrally with said base and coupled by a hinge to a periphery  
5 of said base so as to be pivotable about said hinge between a closed position overlying  
6 said deck and an open position spaced from said deck,

7 a latch arm resiliently coupled to a periphery of said lid diametrically opposite  
8 said hinge, said latch arm being T-shaped having a center leg coupled to said lid and a pair  
9 of tabs extending laterally oppositely from a free end of said leg, and

10 an axial passage on said base for receiving said latch arm, said passage  
11 being radially open at said skirt and having a pair of laterally spaced ledges for  
12 engagement by said tabs to lock said lid in said closed position,

13 said latch arm being directly manually engageable by a user from a radial  
14 direction external to said base to flex said latch arm radially inwardly into said passage and  
15 release said tabs from engagement with said ledges so that said lid can be pivoted to said  
16 open position.

## 11. (Original)

1 The closure set forth in claim 10 wherein said ledges in said passage radially  
2 open at said skirt such that said latch arm may extend outside of said skirt as said lid is  
3 moved toward said closed position and then snap radially inwardly beneath said ledges  
4 due to resilience of said latch arm and connection between said latch arm and said lid.

**12. (Previously Presented)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 11 further comprising cam surfaces on said skirt  
2       adjacent to said open passage in said skirt for engagement by said tabs on said latch arm  
3       to cam said latch arm radially outwardly as said lid is pivoted toward said closed position.

**13. (Original)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 12 wherein said lid includes an internal rib on  
2       said latch arm for strengthening resilient coupling of said latch arm to said lid.

**14-15 (Canceled)****16. (Original)**

1           A child-resistant closure and container package that includes:  
2           a container and a closure secured to said container, said closure comprising:  
3           a base having a deck with a dispensing opening and a peripheral skirt  
4       extending from said deck,  
5           a lid molded integrally with said base and coupled by a hinge to a periphery  
6       of said base so as to be pivotable about said hinge between a closed position overlying  
7       said deck and an open position spaced from said deck,  
8           one of said base and said lid having a latch arm resiliently extending from a  
9       periphery thereof diametrically opposite said hinge, said latch arm having a pair of opposite  
10      extending tabs adjacent to a free end thereof,

11                   the other of said base and said lid having an axial passage for receiving said  
12 latch arm and a pair of laterally spaced ledges in said passage for engagement by said  
13 tabs to lock said lid in said closed position,  
14                   said latch arm being directly manually engageable by a user from a radial  
15 direction external to said closure to pivot said latch arm radially inwardly within said  
16 passage and release said tabs from said ledges so that said lid can be pivoted to said  
17 open position.

17. (Original)

1                   The package set forth in claim 16 wherein said latch arm resiliently extends  
2 from a periphery of said lid diametrically opposite said hinge, and wherein said passage  
3 in said base is radially open at said skirt.

18. (Original)

1                   The package set forth in claim 17 wherein said ledges in said passage  
2 radially open at said skirt such that said latch arm may extend outside of said skirt as said  
3 lid is moved toward said closed position and then snap radially inwardly beneath said  
4 ledges due to resilience of said latch arm and connection between said latch arm and said  
5 lid.

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1           The package set forth in claim 18 further comprising cam surfaces on said  
2   ledges adjacent to said open passage in said skirt for engagement by said tabs on said  
3   latch arm to cam said latch arm radially outwardly as said lid is pivoted toward said closed  
4   position.

**20. (Original)**

1           The package set forth in claim 18 wherein said lid includes an internal rib on  
2   said latch arm for strengthening resilient coupling of said latch arm to said lid.

**21-23 (Canceled)****24. (Previously Presented)**

1           The package set forth in claim 17 further comprising cam surfaces on said  
2   ledges, said tabs on said latch arm, or both, for flexing said resilient latch arm to snap said  
3   tabs over said ledges as said lid is pivoted toward said closed position.

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## 25. (Original)

1 A child-resistant closure and container package that includes:  
2 a container and a closure secured to said container,  
3 said closure comprising:  
4 a base having a deck with a dispensing opening and a peripheral skirt  
5 extending from said deck,  
6 a lid molded integrally with said base and coupled by a hinge to a periphery  
7 of said base so as to be pivotable about said hinge between a closed position overlying  
8 said deck and an open position spaced from said deck,  
9 a latch arm resiliently coupled to a periphery of said lid diametrically opposite  
10 said hinge, said latch arm being T-shaped having a center leg coupled to said lid and a pair  
11 of tabs extending laterally oppositely from a free end of said leg, and  
12 an axial passage on said base for receiving said latch arm, said passage  
13 being radially open at said skirt and having a pair of laterally spaced ledges for  
14 engagement by said tabs to lock said lid in said closed position,  
15 said latch arm being directly manually engageable by a user from a radial  
16 direction external to said base to flex said latch arm radially inwardly into said passage and  
17 release said tabs from engagement with said ledges so that said lid can be pivoted to said  
18 open position.

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1           The package set forth in claim 25 wherein said ledges in said passage  
2   radially open at said skirt such that said latch arm may extend outside of said skirt as said  
3   lid is moved toward said closed position and then snap radially inwardly beneath said  
4   ledges due to resilience of said latch arm and connection between said latch arm and said  
5   lid.

**27. (Previously Presented)**

1           The package set forth in claim 26 further comprising cam surfaces on said  
2   skirt adjacent to said open passage in said skirt for engagement by said tabs on said latch  
3   arm to cam said latch arm radially outwardly as said lid is pivoted toward said closed  
4   position.

**28. (Original)**

1           The package set forth in claim 27 wherein said lid includes an internal rib on  
2   said latch arm for strengthening resilient coupling of said latch arm to said lid.

**29-39 (Canceled)**



**40. (Previously Presented)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 1 wherein said base has ribs that extend  
2           radially outwardly from said skirt on opposed sides of said passage.

**41. (Previously Presented)**

1           The closure set forth in claim 2 including indicia on said lid pointing to and  
2           aligned with said latch arm to instruct a user to engage said latch arm.

**42. (Previously Presented)**

1           A child-resistant closure that includes:  
2           a base having a dispensing opening and a peripheral skirt,  
3           a lid molded integrally with said base and coupled by a hinge to said base to  
4           be pivotable around said hinge between a closed position adjacent to said dispensing  
5           opening and an open position spaced from said dispensing opening,  
6           a latch arm having a first end resiliently coupled to one of said base and said  
7           lid opposite said hinge, said latch arm extending from said first end to a second end that  
8           is wider than said first end,  
9           the other of said base and said lid having an axial passage for receiving said  
10          latch arm, a pair of ledges in said passage for engagement by said latch arm to lock said  
11          lid in said closed position, and radially facing angulated cam surfaces on said ledges,  
12          pivotal movement of said lid toward said closed position bringing said second  
13          end of said latch arm into engagement with said cam surfaces, resiliently flexing said latch

14 arm radially until said second end of said latch arm registers with said ledges, whereupon  
15 resiliency of said latch arm snaps said latch arm between said ledges,  
16 said latch arm being directly manually engageable by a user from a radial  
17 direction external to said closure to pivot said latch arm radially inwardly within said  
18 passage and release said latch arm from said ledges so that said lid can be pivoted toward  
19 said open position.

43. (Previously Presented)

1 The closure set forth in claim 42 wherein said latch arm has a pair of laterally  
2 extending tabs adjacent to said second end for engagement with said cam surfaces as  
3 said lid is closed and for snap receipt over said ledges in said closed position of said lid.